

Algona High School

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And the crown goes to??

Audrey Schuttler

Last week, September 14 through September 18, was homecoming week for the Algona Bulldogs. The theme was "Lei Out the Lynx."

Friday, September 18, the coronation took place in the gym. Last year's queen, Annie Klepper, was in attendance. However, last year's king, Justin Zweifel, could not attend as he was involved in a rodeo. The crowns this year were awarded to Heidi Behnkendorf and Chad Rutledge.

Friday night the boys battled it out on the field against the Webster City Lynx. After 48 minutes of playing time, the guys lost 35-6. After the game, the dance began in the high school commons. Molly Cook said, "I enjoyed watching Hunter Busherfeld doing the 'Single Ladies' dance." Senior Nicole Person said, "The seniors rocked."

On Wednesday, the boys battled in muscle volleyball and the girls fought hard out on the football field in powder puff football. The action began at 7 p.m. in the gym with muscle volleyball. The seniors dominated and took the crown by beating the juniors in the championship

game. The team consisted of Travis Lenz, Collin Fett, Brady Collison, Alex Hagg, Nyle Larsen, Brad Hoskins, Chad Rutledge, and Alex Kading. After the final game ended, the girls took the football field for powder puff football. The junior class won this competition. The girls on the team were Ashley Norland, Jenni Weaver, Carly Sansone, Abby Foertsch, Megan Gerhardt, Kari Simpson, Missy Zadow, Courtney Schneider, Codi Albertson, Emily Loken, Amber Hentges, AnnaLise Manske, Emily Grandgenett, and Nicole Person.

The students from Algona High spent a lot of time working on the hallways and floats for homecoming. The halls got judged and the seniors came out on top. During the homecoming parade on Friday afternoon, many floats were displayed including football, volleyball, and the class floats. The sophomores won the float contest.

Throughout the week, the students dressed up for each day. They could compete for being voted the best dressed for that day. Monday was PJ day and senior Hannah Limbaugh and junior Brittany Vaske were named the best dressed.

Tuesday was status day. Seniors Alynna Freeburg and Collin Fett won. The next day, generation day, was won by seniors David Baxter, Collin Fett, and Brandon Keller. Thursday was Hawaiian day. Seniors Brady Collison, Alynna Freeburg, Tessa Thompson,

and Kelsey Varvel were named best dressed for Thursday. For red and black day, brothers Clay and Brady Collison won.

Throughout the week, the AHS students had a lot of fun with the Hawaiian homecoming.

Homecoming

"Homecoming week at AHS was a week of excitement, suspense, and just plain fun."

- Blake Mills

"It was sweet."

- Nick Studer

"It was fun."

- Tiffany Long

"The dance was a fun place."

- Jeff Schipull

"The seniors rocked."

- Nicole Person

"Homecoming was amazing."

- Jeni Zeller

"Red and black day was my favorite day to dress up for."

- Allison Kajewski

"Of course Petunia won best dressed for generation day!"

- Alex Kading

"I loved getting dressed up."

- Megan Simonson

Bulldogs keep fighting

Jeni Zeller

On Friday, the 11th, the Bulldogs traveled to Clear Lake to play the Lions. The Bulldogs went in with high hopes to break the Lions' homecoming celebrations, but their plans were spoiled. The Lions won the game 56-0. Collin Fett led the team in rushing yards with 55. Blair Bradley had 46 and Austin Zadow had 23. Brandon Keller and Michael McMahon led the team on defense with 12 tackles apiece.

Last week the Bulldogs hosted the Webster City Lynx in their annual homecoming festivities. The Bulldogs suffered a 35-6 loss. Austin Zadow scored

the only touchdown for the Bulldogs late in the 2nd quarter with a 5 yard run. Collin Fett led the offense in rushing with 81 yards. Austin Zadow had 55 yards, Connor McGuire had 9 yards, and Michael McMahon had 7 yards. Parth Patel says, "Football is awesome!"

The Bulldogs currently are 1-3, and Eric Tull said, "1-3 is better than none and 4."

Tonight the team travels to Waverly Shell Rock to play the Go-Hawks.

Swimming towards first

Kelsie Varvel

Last Thursday night, September 17, the Algona Girls' Swim Team split a double duel at their home meet in Emmetsburg at the Wellness Center. "It was a good night for the girls and the team," said Coach Jim Fisher. The Algona team is very young, but the freshmen are really stepping it up in relays and individual events. They had eleven season bests and set two team records on Thursday. The 400 Free Relay team finished 2nd overall, and the 200 Free Relay team set a new record and placed 2nd overall. The team consists of Jenni Weaver, Hannah Priest, Kendall Bosch, and Hanna Degen.

Algona took 1st in every event at Charles City on September 19th. Some of the individual bests include

MacKenzie Wilson taking off six seconds in the 100 Fly. Team B in the 400 Free Relay took off eleven seconds in time. Kendall Bosch set a new team record in the 200 Medley for the second meet in a row. The 200 Medley and 400 Free Relays improved, as did Amber Schacherer in the 200, Hanna Degen in the 50 Free, Nicole Person in the 100 Back Stroke, Team B in the 200 Free Relay, and Liz Humble in the 100 Breast Stroke.

The girls have two goals this year: to improve every time and split all the duel meets they swim in. The team is now 2-2 in duel meets. The next meet is the North Des Moines Invite on Saturday, September 26th. Good luck Algona Swim Team!

Running through the season

Molly Cook

The Algona Cross Country team continued their season at Storm Lake last Tuesday, September 15, and Monday, September 21, at Humboldt.

For the girls, Nicole Bosworth brought in another first place, running a time of 16:19. Junior, Allana Lauck, came in seventh place running a time of 16:43, and Stella Arndorfer ran a 16:54 to come in 14th. The girls' team finished second with 69 points.

With 42 points,

the boys' team won the meet. The meet was close with Spirit Lake coming in second with 46 points. Ryan McMahon came in second place with a time of 15:41. Other teammates finishing in the top ten included: Derek Beaumier in sixth with a time of 16:52, an eighth place finish by Alex Kenne with a time of 16:56, and Kyle Walker with a time of 17:05 to finish tenth.

On September 21, the Bulldogs traveled to Humboldt. Out of 124

runners, Nicole Bosworth came in 18th with a time of 16:38, Allana Lauck came in 23rd with a time of 17:02, and Stella Arndorfer had a time of 17:07 coming in 24th. The Algona girls came in fifth with a score of 132.

The boys' team came in second in Humboldt. Out of 132 runners, Ryan McMahon finished second with a time of 16:30. Other top finishes included Derek Beaumier in tenth with a time of 17:26, Kyle Walker in 11th with a time of 17:33,

and Alex Kenne came in 12th with a time of 17:36. This was Chad Rutledge's first meet back since his injury. He came in 16th with a time of 17:46. Coach Ahlers said, "It was great for Chad to get back out there. He really wanted to get back racing again. And obviously he helps the team quite a bit."

The next meet for the cross-country team is on Monday, September 28th, in Algona.

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Kickin' it up a notch **BUMP, SET, SPIKE!!**

Alynnia Freeburg

Natalie Hackarth

The AHS Drill Team has been getting ready for their official season, which starts on October 1st. They have done many fundraising events. They started off with a Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser, which is their biggest fundraiser of the year. The girls had a goal to each sell 30 dozen glazed doughnuts. They broke up into 4 teams, and each were assigned specific businesses throughout Algona to sell to. They sold a grand total of 377 dozen doughnuts, with a profit of \$1,688. They will be using the money to purchase State costumes.

The Drill Team is also making blankets to raffle off at the home football

games. Each raffle costs \$1.00 or 6 raffles for \$5.00. Look for them at the games so you can buy a raffle and have a chance of winning an awesome Bulldog blanket!

In addition to selling raffle tickets, they also are selling Bulldog stencils that you can have painted on your driveway. They sell these at the football games where they have a table set up with the blanket raffles. They cost \$10.00, which is a good buy since they will last up to 2 years. The girls will come to your house and paint it on themselves. Coach Ellie Larsen said, "I am so proud of the girls for doing so well with the fundraisers. I think it will be our best year yet."

Michael Vick is back

Triston Dacken

You have all heard the stories about Vick's dog fighting ring. It ran from 2001 to his arrest in 2007. He was sentenced to 23 months in prison, but got out after 18. He was released from prison into home confinement in May 2009. After he lost his NFL salary and endorsement money, he filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

During his trial, he plead guilty to "Conspiracy to Travel in Interstate Commerce in Aid of Unlawful Activities and to Sponsor a Dog in an Animal Fighting Venture," and he admitted to providing most of the operation's finances, as well as participating in several dog fights in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He also admitted that he knew his

colleagues killed several dogs that did not perform well enough. However, he denied making any bets on the fights or killing any dogs himself.

Because of his criminal record, and the high profile of his case, the Falcons' owner, Arthur Blank, did not want him to play for them anymore. After failed attempts to trade him, they decided to just release him from the team instead.

He made his re-entry to the NFL on August 13, 2009, by signing a one-year contract with the Philadelphia Eagles. He will earn \$1.6 million, and the contract also contains a team option to sign him for the 2010 season that would pay \$5 million.

His suspension by

The Lady Bulldogs continue to spike their way to victory. The girls are now 22-1 overall and 3-0 in the North Central Conference. They are rated 3rd in class 3A. The team has won the Algona Classic, the Spencer Tournament, and the Forest City Tournament. "It's been a real accomplishment winning those 3 tournaments," says senior Audrey Schuttler.

The team traveled to St. Edmonds for their first Conference game on September 10th. They defeated the Gaels in 3 games, 25-10, 25-11, and 25-14. Brittany Vaske shut down the Gaels with 7 blocks and Natalie Hackarth hit down 14 kills.

The team hosted Iowa Falls-Alden in another Conference match on Tuesday, September 15th, and won in three games. The scores were 25-13, 25-12, and 25-17. Molly Cook had 19 assists on the night and Audrey Schuttler and Emillie Kenne went 100% from the service line.

The girls traveled to Clear Lake on Thursday,

September 17th, for their 3rd Conference match of the season. The Bulldogs defeated the Lions in three games, 25-13, 25-22, and 25-17. Brittany Vaske had 9 blocks on the night and Laura TerHark dug up 17 attacks.

The Bulldogs will be traveling to Hampton-Dumont on Thursday, September 24th, for a Conference match-up. They won in three games, 25-19, 25-22, 25-12. Highlights from the night include Allie Simpson's 7 kills, 0 errors, and 1 block, Emillie Kenne's 17 assists and perfect serving at 11 for 11, Laura TerHark's 10 for 11 serving with 3 aces and 12 digs, and Audrey Schuttler's 15 for 16 serves and 8 digs.

Coach TerHark's successful career has also reached a new level as she picked up her 600th win earlier this season.

Next up for the girls is a home match against the Clarion Cowgirls on Tuesday, the 29th, and they battle the Wildcats in the Humboldt gymnasium on Thursday, October 1st.

the NFL allowed him to participate in any preseason games that were left after his signing but banned him from the first three regular season games. This week was the second game he had to miss, with only one left. This is a stressful situation too, since he still has one game to go before he is eligible to play,

and the Eagles starting quarterback, Donovan McNabb, cracked a rib in their first game against the Carolina Panthers.

His return has been longed for by some and resented by others. Let's wait and see how he does back in the big leagues.

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Smooth driving

Ean Weber

Have you been on the roads by Call Park lately? It's nice and smooth because of the new blacktop.

Daul Trucking Company has been working hard lately paving roads all over the country. New blacktop has been put down from Sexton on Highway 18 all the way to LuVerne. They have also been paving around the Titonka area.

"Now I can drive smoothly by Call Park," says senior Ryann Pearson.

New Cooperative, the grain elevator in LuVerne, really appreciate the trucking company for paving the road from Highway 18 to LuVerne because they can get their work done without the headache of the bumpy road.



School board elections

Ashley Mahurin

There were three spots available on the Algona Community School District School Board. School board president, David Fenchel, did not run for again and members Cheryl Grether and Keith Kuecker were up for re-election.

Each board member is elected to serve a four-year term. Jay Limbaugh took one board member place with the leading votes at 477, Cheryl Grether had the next highest votes at 406, and Keith Kuecker was also reelected with 426 votes.

Fenchel had served the Algona Community School for several years. His leaving words were, "It has been my privilege to serve the Algona Community School Board and I truly appreciate the opportunity serve over the last eighteen years."

Floyd Lavrenz replaced Fenchel as board president and Marc Singer was voted in as vice-president of the school board.

New YMCA pool

Bradie Becker

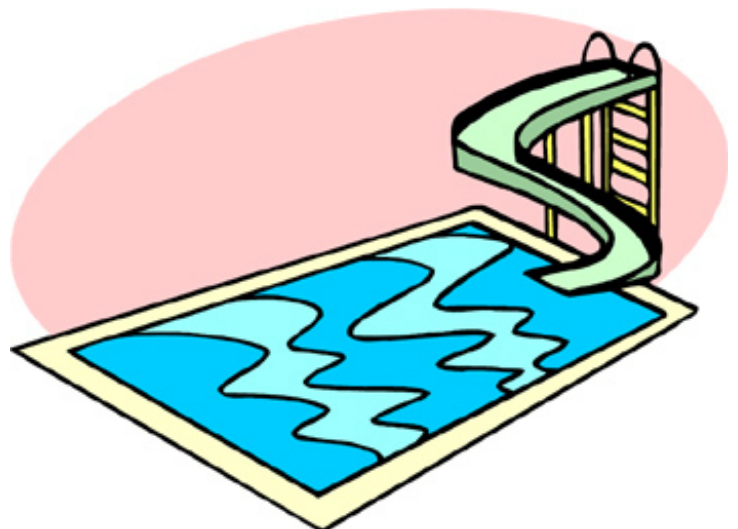
The Algona YMCA opened the Burlingame Aquatic Center on September 13, 2009. It has been named after Milt Burlingame, a lifetime supporter the of Algona YMCA Foundation. Dr. Moss began the process of helping raise the money for the new facility about ten years ago. The new aquatic center isn't just a pool expansion. In the new 18,000 square feet of additional space is a new health and wellness room, a multi-purpose room, a conference room, family and handicapped accessible locker rooms, and some new offices.

The great thing about the aquatic center is its zero depth entry, a diving board, and a high school regulation sized lap pool with six lanes. It also has a lift for disabled people. They will also have a waterproof wheel chair for those who wish to not use the lift. There is also a sauna and jacuzzi. Collin Fett says,

"I'm really excited for the sauna." The pool will be kept between 82-84 degrees with the air temperature of 85 degrees.

The YMCA currently has 3,200 members and everyone is keeping their membership even though the prices went up with the costs to maintain and run the new facility. All of the new bills the YMCA will have to pay are in the new price of membership. The individual adult membership is \$34.75 a month and couple may join for \$44 a month. You can also purchase a family membership for \$48 a month. It only costs \$18 a month for someone under 17 years old.

The fall hours are 4:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. Monday through Thursdays, 4:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Fridays, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays.



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A love obsession

Allison Kajewski

Bright red boots, a large vocabulary, and an endless drive to get what she wants. Sandra Bullock plays Mary Horowitz, in the new comedy, *All About Steve*. In this movie, her parents set her up with cute newsman, Steve, played by Bradley Cooper.

At first, Cooper is thinking it is going to be a good blind date, until Bullock doesn't shut up. Trying to be nice, Steve fakes a phone call from the TV station and jets out, but before he left, he made, what he soon came to find out, a huge mistake. That told Mary he wished she could come to the job site with him, but she couldn't because she had her own job as a crossword puzzle constructor.

Well, little did he know she would make her next crossword all about him and lose her job for it.

Jobless, Bullock decides to follow Cooper to every job he has. Making a fool of herself time after time, Mary is relentless, but Cooper really doesn't want anything to do with her.

All About Steve is a very comical movie. The actors worked very well with each other, feeding off one another's actions like it was a normal thing for them to do.

This movie receives four out of five stars for humor and is currently playing at the State 3 Theatre in Algona, Iowa. It came to theatres September 4, 2009, and was directed by Phil Traill. The movie runs 98 minutes in length and is rated PG-13 for sexual content. Molly Cook quoted *All About Steve* saying, "Please stop tanning, you look like a Cheese Nip."

Controversy at the VMAs

Hanna Harmon

The MTV Video Music Awards were held on Sunday, September 13th, and of course, something controversial happened. After Taylor Swift beat Beyoncé for "Best Female Video," Kanye West stormed onstage, uninvited and under the influence, to say that Beyoncé had "one of the best videos of all time." Sad and shocked, Taylor Swift didn't finish her acceptance speech. Later, after Beyoncé won "Video of the Year" for her song "Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)," she called Swift back on stage so she could "have her moment."

It wasn't all gloom and doom though. Jack Black announced the winner for "Best Rock Video," waving

a giant prop axe with foam arm muscles. The winners, Green Day, swung the axe around and urged MTV to live up to its name. Lady Gaga went from costume to outrageous costume as many times as she could and dedicated her award for "Best New Artist" to "God and the Gays."

Other winners include Lady Gaga for "Best Art Direction" and "Best Special Effects" ("Paparazzi"), Green Day for "Best Cinematography," and "Best Direction" ("21 Guns"), and Beyoncé for "Video of the Year," "Best Choreography," and "Best Editing" ("Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)").

Hollywood comes to the midwest

Grayson McElroy

Hollywood is coming to Iowa. No, it's not the sequel to *Field of Dreams* or *The Bridges of Madison County*, it's something a little closer to home.

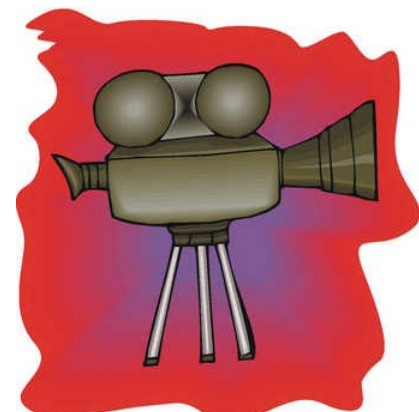
Media Magik Entertainment, a film company, has announced that their next film project is to be set in Algona. They are going to make a feature film about the POW camp that existed here from 1943 to 1946. Much of the movie will be filmed at the Kossuth County Fairgrounds, with

the remainder shot on sound stages in Hollywood.

Larry D. Webster, the founder of Media Magik, is the producer of the film. He has moved into the Algona Country Club area with his wife and kids. He says they have built a few sets at the fairgrounds and are planning to film a few scenes soon. Casting is still going on for the film. The most well known actor on the film so far is Rance Howard. Rance is the father of director Ron Howard,

who has made such films as *Apollo 13*, *Da Vinci Code*, and *Angels and Demons*. Rance also has a small part in all of Ron's films.

Webster also commented that he sees potential for a very good movie about right and wrong and making good decisions. That's the stuff of Algona, not Hollywood.



Water testing

Chelsea Korf

On September 17, 2009, Mr. Young's advance biology class went to the West Fork of the Des Moines River to test the water. They split into groups and tested for different things. They tested in chemical, physical, and biological groups.

The chemical group tested the pH level in the West Fork of the Des Moines River. The chemical group also looked for nitrate, chloride, nitrite, and etcetera levels in the water.

The biological group looked in the water for different kinds of animals. They were not looking for any specific animals, just whatever they could find.

After they found one, they examined it and then put it back. Molly Cook says, "It was very fun to walk in waders because they were like suction cups on my legs."

The physical group tested for temperature, color, odor, and width. There are also some other things that they tested for like depth, velocity, transparency, and weather. Whitney Harms says, "I had fun, but it was very hard to walk in waders."

So overall, this experience for the advance biology class went very well.



The barrow show

Ryann Pearson

Do you like the idea of hog judging? Some of the students from the Algona FFA department went to Austin, Minnesota, to judge some very expensive hogs.

Nine students from AHS left from the school parking lot at 6:30am and got back in the middle of 8th period on September 14. There were three teams of three judging the hogs. There were a total of forty-

nine teams there. The teams came from all over, even some all the way from Texas.

This was the first event that the freshmen Ag students could have participated in. For some of the kids, this was the first time ever judging anything. Brandan Pearson said, "It was an awesome trip. The ride up was the best."

Tests are back

Travis Stone

Attention all freshmen sophomores and juniors, September 22, 2009 through September 29, 2009, is the time for MAP testing once again.

MAP testing consists of four different tests which are all computerized. The tests are designed to help teachers learn about how many skills the students have for each certain subject.

It also helps teachers plan lessons and focus on study skills for their students. Triston Dacken says, "The tests probably mean well but they're annoying."

The tests are all multiple answer questions and vary in length and difficulty for each specific student.

Arndorfer and Hollinger named to Advisory Council

Megan Simonson

Veronica Arndorfer and Josh Hollinger were named to the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council this summer.

Veronica and Josh were both nominated by Mrs. Hanson at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. They each had to fill out an application and answer several questions about what their goals were and changes they wanted to see in the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council. Later the committee called each of them and told them that they got an interview in Des Moines. When Josh and Veronica both got to their interview, they asked each of them about the answers to their questions from before.

There are 16 members across the state of Iowa invited to be on this

council, and two of them are from Algona. The members of the council get in touch with legislatures and local boards about various youth issues.

Josh and Veronica will serve a 1-year term, which started in August. On Wednesday, September 16th, they had their first meeting of four. Veronica was voted as chair of the board and Josh is a member.

During the month of October, Veronica will be lucky enough to travel to Washington D.C. with the coordinator of the National Youth Conference.

Veronica said, "My favorite part of the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council is that they are trying to make the government just not about adults but also the youth."

Season opener for New in town?? ducks

Adam Reimers

Last weekend, on September 19th, the duck hunters started a new season. "I'm excited to go duck hunting. I have never gone before, it's going to be a blast," said Kelsie Varvel.

The limits on ducks are four mallards, either four drakes or you can only shoot two hens and two drakes. You can shoot three wood ducks. Pintails are rare, you can only shoot one of them.

The way you know when you can shoot is the time the sun rises and when the sun goes down you have to stop shooting. Then, later in the year, the time gets shorter for you to hunt.

Before you start duck hunting, you have to take the hunter safety course so you know the rules of carrying guns. When you waterfowl hunt, which is duck hunting, you have to have a plug in your gun so it can only hold three shells. There is a limit that you can shoot in a day and if you shoot your limit you are done until the next day. You have to buy a license to be able to hunt and have to have a migration stamp in order to hunt. The overall price of a license is right around 46 dollars. You can buy your license at K-mart or about any gas station.

Hannah Kadow

There are two new businesses in Algona, Harmony Massage/Music Lessons and Sol Tanning. These are two new places to relax and get pampered.

Sol Tanning is located on Highway 169, by Subway south. Kim Kuhlmann is the owner of this new tanning place. She has many new beds, including two stand up beds, one lay down bed, one leg tanner, and a sauna. The stand up beds explain themselves. You stand up and tan your body without the red marks from a lay down bed. The lay down bed also explains itself; you lie down and get a tan. The new leg tanner just tans your legs. You put your legs into the tanner and it just tans

your legs. "I really enjoy working there, it's a fun place to work," says senior Jessica Kuhlmann.

Ellie and Scott Larsen own Harmony Massage/Music Lessons. They are located next to Alltel on Highway 169. Ellie, a massage therapist, gives massages in one room while her husband, Scott, will give music lessons in another. Ellie is also the Drill Team coach here at Algona High. "Ellie gives amazing massages. I recommend everyone to get one," says junior Amber Hentges.

These two places are new to town, so head on over to one or even both and make them feel welcome.

"Say cheese!"

Jessica Kuhlmann

Picture Day has come and gone once again. For you lucky juniors, it was your last time getting your picture taken in the AHS commons. But for the rest of you, it's just another year to pose oddly and smile pretty. This year's picture date was on Thursday, September 24. Like all the other years, Lifetouch did a wonderful job on taking AHS students' beautiful pictures. Megan Gerhardt says, "I'm glad it's my last year because picture day is so lame!"

Underclassmen are not the only ones getting their picture taken. Seniors are also working hard with pictures too, on when to

get them taken, what they are going to wear, different poses, and different ideas. When they get them back, the toughest decision is what pictures to pick out. Common photographers that seniors went to this year were Darkroom Photography, Images, Lyntronix, Jan Thompson Photography, Poland, InSite Creatives, and many more. Natalie Hackbarth says, "I really enjoyed taking pictures with my mom because I love her!"

Most of the seniors really enjoyed their pictures, but the due date for the yearbook and newspaper is getting near. All seniors must

have two pictures turned in to Mrs. Spear before winter break. It's preferred to be a head and shoulders shot because it's easier to see, but it's all up to the person. The picture must be an up and down shot and preferably in color. You can turn in two pictures of the same pose or two different poses.

So all in all, everyone had a good picture experience this year and get ready to exchange them soon!



FLU SHOT SCHEDULE

BERTHA GODFREY: TUESDAY SEPT. 29 7:30AM - 11:30AM

MIDDLE SCHOOL: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30 7:30 AM - 2 PM

BRYANT: THURSDAY, OCT. 1 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

HIGH SCHOOL: THURSDAY, OCT. 1 12:15 PM - 3:30PM

LUCIA WALLACE: FRIDAY, OCT. 2 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

No more diseases!

Cody Fortune

The Kossuth Regional Health Center will be coming to Algona High School in October to give students the influenza vaccine. The Center for Disease Control and the Iowa Department of Public Health recommends that all students receive the vaccine, and they say it will last for up to one year. The vaccine for H1N1 will not be given now, it will come out in mid to late fall.

If parents wish to have their children vaccinated, they must fill out the consent forms, which you can print off the school website or get them in the office before the deadline, which is Wednesday, September 23. The vaccinations will be given during school hours to the students who have the appropriate forms filled out. Receiving this influenza vaccine is the best way to prevent your child from getting and spreading the flu virus.

Flu mist is what is recommended for healthy

children and adults from age two to age 49. Flu shots will be given to individuals who do not meet the requirements for the flu mist, which is just age and healthiness, or who requested the shot on the consent form.

The cost for the vaccines is \$27 for the flu shot and \$45 for the flu mist. The times that the hospital will be at the different schools is Tuesday, September 29th they will be at Bertha Godfrey between 7:30 and 11:30 AM, Wednesday, September 30th, it will be at the middle school between 7:30 AM and 2 PM, Thursday, October 1st, is at Bryant between 7:30 and 11:30 AM, Thursday, October 1st, will be the high school's time between 12:15 and 3:30 PM, and finishing off the district's stops is Friday, October 2nd, at Lucia Wallace between 7:30 and 11:30 AM. So, if you would like your child to receive the vaccination you will need to fill out the appropriate consent forms by the date mentioned above.

A global pandemic

Derrick Johnson

Flu season is coming up again and this year is going to be different. Not only do you have to worry about the normal influenza, you now have to worry about the H1N1 (Swine Flu) virus, which is worse than the normal influenza. The H1N1 virus can kill up to ninety thousand people this year.

The normal flu season hasn't even started yet and a lot of people are starting to get the H1N1 virus. The one way they know it's the H1N1 virus is that the normal flu hasn't started yet, therefore if someone is showing symptoms of a flu, there is a good chance it is the H1N1 virus.

The H1N1 virus was called a global pandemic because of how many people could be infected and killed by it. The doctors

have been scrambling to get a vaccine available by fall for everybody but fear they won't have enough until December.

The H1N1 virus's symptoms are similar to those of the normal influenza. Some of the symptoms include high fever, lethargy, lack of appetite, coughing, and sore throat. Adam Riemers says, "I hope I don't get it because I'm going goose hunting this weekend."

There are a lot of ways to prevent yourself from getting the H1N1 virus. One of the best ways would be to wash your hands thoroughly for twenty seconds. If you have the virus, the best ways to not spread it would be to cover your cough or sneeze, and if you have it, avoid going out in public.

Death of a star

Cody King

Patrick Swayze was a famous actor, dancer, and songwriter. He has starred in well-known movies like *Dirty Dancing* and *Ghost*. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2008. He continued to act until he became too ill in 2009. He underwent chemotherapy and other treatments to combat the disease.

He made an appearance on *Stand Up to Cancer* in September 2008 to ask for donations towards cancer. He received

a standing ovation after his speech. "I dream that the word 'cure' will no longer be followed by the words 'it's impossible'. Together, we can make a world where cancer no longer means living with fear, without hope, or worse."

Swayze stated that his chain smoking most likely had something to do with the development of cancer. He died on September 14th, 2009, at age 57, twenty months after being diagnosed.